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(C) The Embassy suggests that the timing is not appropriate to urge the GOAJ to recognize Kosovo, given GOAJ sensitivities regarding Nagorno-Karabakh and the occupied territories. The Embassy further believes that a push for Kosovo recognition now would be detrimental to our efforts to mitigate GOAJ's reaction to ongoing reconciliation between Turkey and Armenia.

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